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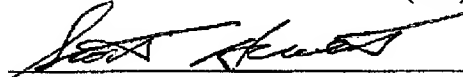
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Scott Hewett**Application Serial No. 09/810,825**


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Comments:

Dear Examiner Tamai:

Attached is an amendment for the above-referenced patent application. The Office Action Summary indicates that the Office Action mailed May 9, 2003 is final; however, the Detailed Action does not state that the action is final or that this application is closed on the merits. As we discussed on the telephone on May 20, 2003, it appears that the status of the application indicated on the Office Action Summary may be in error. I would greatly appreciate an early indication on the status of this application. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


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Application No.: 09/810,825

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For: ELECTROSTATIC COMB DRIVE
WITH AUTO-BRAKING

Examiner: Tamai, K.

Art Unit: 2834

AMENDMENT UNDER
37 CFR 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed 05/09/2003, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the finality of the Office action because of the new grounds of rejection that do not appear to be necessitated by amendments to the claims, and request entry of the amendments and consideration of the arguments presented below. The undersigned believes that no fee is required with this amendment; however, if a fee is required the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the necessary fee to USPTO Deposit Account No. 50-0891.

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